

Library News

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Library Hours

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday

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POETRY CONTEST

Deadline to submit is March 25

The Norfolk Public Library is hosting a poetry contest for all ages. Poetry is a fun way to engage with language and ideas, and we encourage people of all ages and abilities to enter the contest.

The rules are to write one or two poems of no more than 16 lines per poem on any subject, in any form. Top winners in each age division will receive a \$25 gift certificate that can be used at a variety of local businesses. Submissions are open to our current cardholders through Friday, March 25th and must be the **original, unpublished work** of the entrant. All entries must include the completed official entry form provided by the library.

Entry forms and complete contest rules are available at the library or on our website. Poems entered will be displayed in the library during National Library Week, April 3-9.



WHAT'S NEW?

MARCH AT THE LIBRARY

March yourself into the library today to discover our new collection of Wonderbooks and Launchpads. Wonderbooks are print books with ready-to-play audiobooks built-in. Launchpads are tablets preloaded with content like games, stories and videos. No internet access required.

We have two special events in March – an evening of poetry with author Lin Brummels and a laser cutter workshop. You can learn more about these events in this newsletter. We have a full slate of ongoing activities for your enjoyment as well.

We encourage everyone – from beginners to experienced writers - to submit a poem for our annual poetry contest. The competition is divided into three age groups, with the winner from each receiving a gift certificate. Deadline to submit is March 25th. Read more about the poetry contest on the front page.



AUTHOR EVENT

Lin Brummels

READING FROM HER BOOK
A QUILTED LANDSCAPE

MARCH 22, 2022
6:30 P.M.



AUTHOR EVENT

Poet Lin Brummels

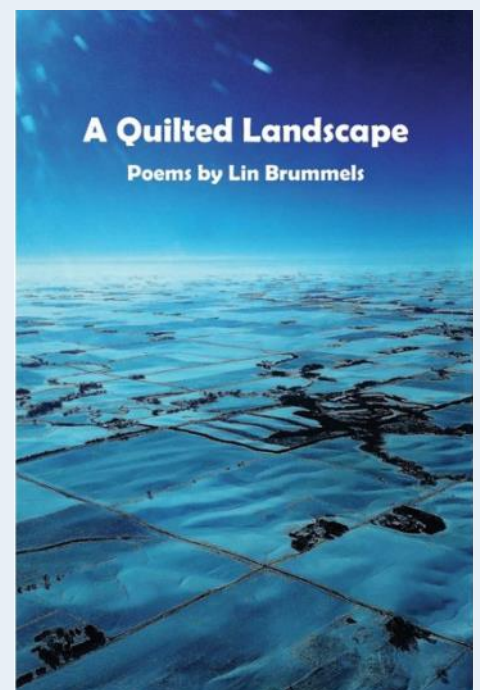
March 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The Norfolk Public Library welcomes Nebraska author Lin Brummels for a special evening of poetry. Brummels will be reading selections from her book *A Quilted Landscape* as well as excerpts from her upcoming manuscript, *Ordinary Days*. A question and answer session will follow the reading.

Brummels grew up near the Nebraska Sandhills and now resides in Northeast Nebraska. Her poetry has been published in journals, magazines and anthologies. Her works include the chapbook *Hard Times*, a 2016 Nebraska Book Award winner.

"..listen to Lin Brummels tell you stories of country life, family horses and dogs, the smell of wild flowers and pasture grass on a June day. Take in the honest, revealing descriptions of the folks who live in this corner of rural northeast Nebraska. The poems are written like letters to a good friend, easy to read, easy to understand, straight from the heart. A Quilted Landscape is a very enjoyable read."

- Bruce Roseland



WONDERBOOK PLAYAWAYS AND LAUNCHPADS

New to our collection

Come see our latest additions to our collections! Wonderbooks combine print and audio for literacy learning and fun. Wonderbooks are print books with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Press play and read along with the book, or switch to learning mode to keep talking and learning about the book. Wonderbooks are located next to the Children's audiobooks. Our collection features a variety of fiction and picture books which can be checked out for two weeks.



Launchpads are ready-to-use tablets preloaded with games, stories and videos. No internet access is necessary. Each tablet has unique content for a specific age group. Our collection features four launchpads: one for ages 3 years and up to develop fundamentals; a pre-K program to develop skills for kindergarten; a reading academy for emerging readers; and a brain games tablet for teens and adults. The tablets are located by our board games and can be checked out for one week with no renewals.



LASER CUTTER WORKSHOP

March 24 at 6 p.m. — Sign up now!

Engrave a personalized mug in this hands-on workshop. You will learn the basics of designing with Corel Draw and using the laser cutter to complete your project.

No previous experience or makerspace certification is needed. All materials provided. Advanced registration is required. Sign up soon—class size is limited to seven participants. Visit our website event calendar for registration details.

MONTHLY MOVIE

Sensory-friendly presentations

Come enjoy watching a movie in a sensory-friendly environment. The movie presentations will feature low lighting and volume, a five-minute intermission, sensory fidgets and space to move around. Please feel free to bring your own sensory aids as well as snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

Attendees will be given a choice of two movies to vote on for the selection. Movie choices will be based on an adult and older teen audience. Movie showings are currently planned for March 4th and April 1st, both at 10:30 a.m. The March movie choices are *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* or *Space Jam: A New Legacy*.



NOTEWORTHY

HOW TO BOOK CLUB

Read. Discuss. Repeat.

Being part of a book club encourages us to read outside our comfort zones, stay curious and build community with other readers.

Books are selected based on good reviews from library and publishing journals and for their potential to provide good fodder for discussion. Sometimes the best discussions happen when there are different opinions on a book. These great discussions help us stay curious, open to new information from new people and better understand one another.

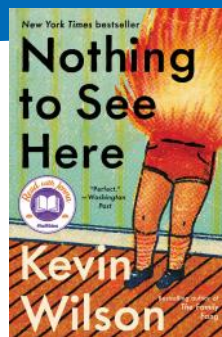
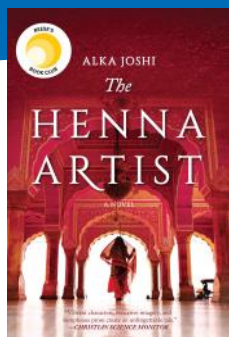
Book club discussions should be positive and respectful at all times. Here are some conversation ground rules that we use:

- Listen to and respect all points of view.
- Be curious and ask questions.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate, so please don't interrupt or dominate the conversation.
- Share what is important to you.
- Have fun!

Cost: It's *free*! The books for the book club are loaned to book club members by the library, so there's no cost to participate. However, participants must have an active library card.

Attendance Requirements: Participants are not required to attend each meeting in order to participate. Join in on the dates that work for you, and pass on the ones that don't.

Responsibility for Book Club Books: Our book clubs have different requirements, but in general, books are due back the day of the book club. If you cannot attend, please drop off the book as soon as possible to avoid potential overdue fines.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

“League of Librarians” to the rescue

The library team bowled them over at the Souper Bowl of Caring to combat hunger in our community. The bowling team of Jessica Chamberlain, Emily Hilkemann, Jessie Roberts and Amy Fuxa gathered nonperishable food items to restock the pantry at the Salvation Army and even won the team spirit award at the bowling fundraiser.



CHILDREN'S CRAFT KITS TO-GO

Bright Bugs

PICK UP DATE: MARCH 11, 2022 (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

If your littles have ants in their pants, keep them busy with this colorful bug craft! Each kit contains materials for one complete craft. Glue is required but not included. Kits are available inside the library or at the drive-up service window. First come, first served. Please limit quantities to the needs of your family.



CLASSIC POETRY

DEAR MARCH — COME IN

By Emily Dickinson

Dear March—Come in—
How glad I am—
I hoped for you before—
Put down your Hat—
You must have walked—
How out of Breath you are—
Dear March, how are you, and the Rest—
Did you leave Nature well—
Oh March, Come right upstairs with me—
I have so much to tell—

I got your Letter, and the Birds—
The Maples never knew that you were coming—
I declare - how Red their Faces grew—
But March, forgive me—
And all those Hills you left for me to Hue—

There was no Purple suitable—
You took it all with you—

Who knocks? That April—
Lock the Door—
I will not be pursued—
He stayed away a Year to call
When I am occupied—
But trifles look so trivial
As soon as you have come

That blame is just as dear as Praise
And Praise as mere as Blame—

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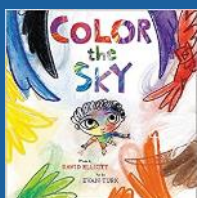
Try your luck with a new book

Children's

Powwow Day by Traci Sorell

Forty Winks by Kelly DiPucchio

Color the Sky by David Elliot

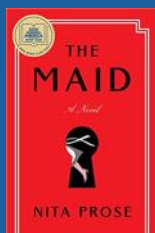


Adult Fiction

The Perfect Guests by Emma Rous

Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

The Maid by Nita Prose



Audiobooks

One Step Too Far by Lisa Gardner

A Game of Fear by Charles Todd

Violeta by Isabel Allende



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Ends March 11

We hope you have relished the challenge! Reading logs for the Winter Reading Challenge (WRC) are due by March 11. Complete 5 titles and earn a gift certificate *and* a magnet or button. Finish all 10 to receive your WRC journal.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

KNOT JUST KNITTERS: Saturdays, March 12 and 26 at 2:30 p.m. This is a fun and friendly group for knitters, crocheters, weavers and handwork enthusiasts. Bring a project to work on and enjoy learning from each other and making new friends. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or kdrevo@norfolkne.gov for more information. Meets in Meeting Room A.

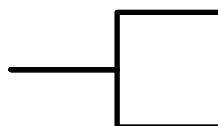
CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS: Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides coloring pencils and coloring pages and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A.

WRITING LAB: March 19 at 1:30 p.m. For adults and teens, please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or aramirez@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This is a fun and safe space for writers to explore their craft. Meets in Meeting Room C.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB: March 29 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Jessica at 402-844-2100 or jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This month's book is *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: March 30 at 10:00 a.m. For adults, contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or kdrevo@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A. This month's book is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi.

20S & 30S BOOK CLUB: March 15 at 6:30 p.m. This book club is designed for those in their 20s and 30s. Please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or aramirez@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This month's book is *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson.

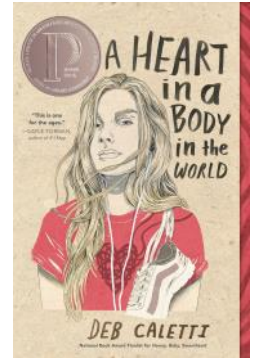


"Reading is a discount ticket"

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

Tales for Teens

This club is for teens who love to read. How it works: members choose the titles that the group discusses. YA Book Club meets monthly, but you aren't required to attend every meeting. Come to those that fit your schedule. Book Club is free, but participants (or their parent) must have an active library card. Newcomers welcome! Contact Jessie in Youth Services to get a copy of the book for the next meeting.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

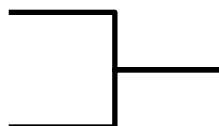
STORYTIME: Infants through age 8 are invited to enjoy a fun combination of books, songs, Spanish language experiences, storytelling, finger plays, poems, puppets and creative early language and literacy activities on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Storytime is a great introduction to library visits and literary experiences. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB: Saturday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m. Young Adult Book Club is for any teenager who loves to read and talk about books. Group members select what books they want to read. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. This month's book is *A Heart in a Body in the World* by Deb Caletti. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

LEGO® TIME: Monday, March 7, from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For those in kindergarten through 6th grade, this is a fun and creative opportunity to build imaginative, new projects using the library's LEGO® collection. Come see our new bricks, figures and accessories recently added to the collection. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB: Monday, March 28, at 4:00 p.m. This is a book club for ages 8-12 whose reading selections come from titles nominated for the Golden Sower Award, Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award. All books are provided by the library, and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. This month's book is *Wildfire* by Rodman Philbrick. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Reading 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten is a fun and rewarding way to instill an early love of reading. Any child from birth until kindergarten can participate. Completion may take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read. The most important predictor of school success is being read to at home during early childhood. Children earn a free book and prize for every 100 books read. Just one book a day equals more than 1,000 in three years. The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless!



SAVE THE DATE!

Program Notes: Don't miss our special events this month: an evening reading by poet Lin Brummels on March 22 and a laser cutter workshop on March 24.

MARCH 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 1:30pm Storytime	4 10am Storytime 10:30am Movie	5 2:30pm YA Book Club
6	7 2pm Creative Coloring 3:45pm LEGO Time	8	9	10 1:30pm Storytime	11 Kids Craft Kits To -Go Pickup 10am Storytime	12 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
13	14 2pm Creative Coloring	15 6:30pm 20/30 Book Club	16	17 1:30pm Storytime	18 10am Storytime	19 1:30pm Writing Lab
20	21 2pm Creative Coloring	22 6:30pm Poet Lin Brummels	23	24 1:30pm Storytime 6pm Laser Cutter Workshop	25 10am Storytime Poetry Contest Deadline	26 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
27	28 2pm Creative Coloring 4pm Golden Sower Book Club	29 6:30pm Tuesday Night Book Club	30 10am Wednes- day Morning Book Club	31 1:30pm Storytime	<i>Scheduled programs could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>	